

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated October 10, 2006 refers to claim 1. A Preliminary Amendment B was filed on April 22, 2004 in which claim 1 was canceled, along with previously canceled claims 2-30, and new claims 31-36 were added.

Applicants' undersigned attorney spoke with Examiner Sobutka on October 17, 2006 and the Examiner acknowledged that he inadvertently missed Preliminary Amendment B.

In view of the foregoing, consideration and allowance of claims 31-36 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 399-5608.

Respectfully submitted,



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